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Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Have these Works Committees been working satisfactorily in the State? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir, in many institutions they have been working very satisfactorily. '

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Recently the Government have passed an order that before any dispute goes to the Conciliation Board, it must go to the Works Committee. Now, many Works Committees have got their own constitutions and in many constitutions the representatives of the managements are given the veto power and in certain constitutions there is a rule that the discussion should be for one hour. So, consistent with the recent Government Order, will the Government be pleased to see that the Works Committees have their own constitutions and that the workers are given a chance to represent the matter to the Works Committees? For the efficient working of these Works Committees, will the Government be pleased also to change the constitutions suitably? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the very purpose of the Works Committee is to enable the workers to put their case effectively before the managements. If it is brought to the notice of the Government that managements are not co-operating in this respect, certainly Government will take action."

Cancellation of teaching certificates.

* 940 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state how many teaching certificates were suspended or cancelled in the State as per Madras Educational Rule 154, during 1948–51, for the alleged communistic activities and how many restored till now?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" A total number of 398 certificates had been either suspended or cancelled for participation in communistic activities out of which 287 certificates have been restored till now and the rest are under consideration."

Sri T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the number of certificates cancelled or suspended as given by the Hon. Minister is not correct. The number is still larger. Is it not a fact that under Rule 154 of the Madras Elementary Education Rules, the Director of Public Instruction should personally examine and conduct an enquiry into the report made against the teacher concerned either by the management or by the Deputy Inspector? Why were not these mandatory provisions followed in cancelling or suspending the certificates? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The Government will try to liberalize the whole matter. The Government will try and give as much attention to the requirements

of justice as possible, apart from technical grounds. If we stand on technical grounds, probably all of them can be easily dismissed. But I think the hon. Member will accept my assurance that the matter will be looked into. Short of giving subsistence allowance for carrying on communistic propaganda, we shall do everything.''

SRI K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :—" ఏ యే activities ని communist activities గా పరిగణిస్తున్నారు? ఏమైనా ఆరోపణలు వచ్చినపుడు ఆ communist-activities యొక్క నిజానిజాలను గురించి enquiry చేస్తున్నారా? ఆ విచారణ ఏ పద్ధతులమీద ఎలా జరుపుతున్నారు? కాంగ్రెసుకు ఓటు ఇవ్వక పోవడం కూడా కమ్యూనిస్టు activity క్రింద పరిగణిస్తున్నారా?''

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" When these certificates were either cancelled or suspended, the Director of Public Instruction was instructed to note that participation in subversive activities by the teachers amounted to a breach of their duty. Only in the cases of those who after enquiry were found to have actually participated in subversive activities, and had been convicted for that, the certificates were cancelled. In other cases the usual procedure was followed. Participation in a gathering or a party was not looked upon as a crime. In fact we had been following a liberal procedure in this matter. As many as 287 certificates have been restored.'' 8–50 a.m.

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" Why is it that teachers had been victimized because they belonged to the Teachers' Federation or Council? Why should Government show this kind of discriminatory treatment? Will they put a stop to this discrimination at least now?''

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" It is not because they belonged to an organization but because they indulged in activities which amounted to a breach of their main duty, these teachers had been punished.''

SRI K. SUBBA REDDI :—" May I cite a specific case? I know of a case in Palnad where one teacher by name Parabhrama Raju simply because he was a member of the Teachers' Federation and participated in their movement, was served with a notice and his certificate was cancelled. What has the Hon. Minister to say regarding this case, Sir?''

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I require notice, Sir, for this question. But I wish to add that these cases relate to a period ranging from three to four years back. In fact we have followed a very liberal policy. As many as 287 certificates have been restored. As the Chief Minister has pointed out, we are following a liberal policy.''

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" I have no desire to dispute the earnestness of the assurance given by the Hon. Chief

Minister. But let me bring to his notice that even to-day, certificates of innocent teachers who had not taken part in any movement whatsoever and who do not belong to any party, had been cancelled. Will the Government put a stop to such vindictiveness?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"If they are innocent and if action had been taken, then it must be a mistake. Where is the question of "vindictiveness" about it?"

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—"I may bring to the notice of Government as recently as April (three months back) some teachers have been removed from service simply because they joined the Teachers' Movement?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"It is not 'movement'. That is a facile phrase. The question is whether these teachers were connected with political organizations or not."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—"No. Even in cases where teachers had nothing to do with any political organization, they had been victimized. I know of a specific case. In Anantapur one teacher by name Hanumanthappa simply because he participated in the Teachers' Federation and read a paper during a meeting of the Federation, has been removed from service. Is it not 'victimization' then? If it is not, let me know the meaning of the term 'victimization'?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"Let not the hon. Member use the word 'victimization' in a loose manner. In some cases it is possible a mistake might have occurred. If the teacher had been wrongly dismissed, it is perfectly open for him to agitate, and send a memorial to the highest authority."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—"As this is an important question, I would request that we may be allowed to have a half-hour debate on this."

MR. SPEAKER:—"That is not possible. To-day is Friday and we have to adjourn at 1 p.m."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"Apart from that, Sir, I would respectfully submit that we cannot go on allowing half-hour debates on questions which deal purely with personnel and when it is a matter coming under day-to-day administration of the State."

Assignment of waste lands to political sufferers.

*966-A *Q.*—SRI K. VENKAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have recently passed orders revising their policy in